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SUBJ: KING'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO SPANISH PEOPLE

1. KING'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO SPANISH PEOPLE ON CHRISTMAS EVE WAS TRANSMITTED DIRECT OVER NATIONAL TV (MESSAGE WAS REPORTED IN FBIS). MESSAGE WAS NON-POLITICAL IN CHARACTER BUT CONTAINED WORDS WHICH HAVE BECOME PART OF NEW VOCABULARY SINCE JUAN CARLOS' ACCESSION.

2. THE THREE KEY WORDS IN THE KING'S MESSAGE PEACE, UNITY, AND JUSTICE WERE ALSO PROMINENT IN KING'S INAUGURAL SPEECH NOV 22. KING DESCRIBED THE MERE ACHIEVEMENT OF MATERIAL WELFARE AS AN INADEQUATE DEFINITION OF PEACE WHICH WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE THE ABSENCE OF INTERNAL DISSENSIONS. THE KING ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "GRIEF" HAD NOT BEEN OVERCOME IN ALL SPANISH HOMES AND THAT HIS GOAL WAS TO PROVIDE FOR MORE PROSPERITY AND JUSTICE. ONLY "EGOISM" COULD STAND IN THE WAY OF JUSTICE WHICH SHOULD EMBRACE ALL CITIZENS.

3. JUAN CARLOS DESCRIBED THE CHALLENGE OF HIS GENERATION AS THE OBTAINING OF JUSTICE FOR ALL. HE REFERRED TO THE BEGINNING OF THE HOLY YEAR OF COMPOSTELA, DECEMBER 31,1975 -- DISTINCT FROM THE ROMAN HOLY YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1975 -- AS A YEAR OF PROGRESS AND ADVANCE ON THE ROAD TO UNITY. NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PROSONERS, WHICH SOME HAD SPECULATED MIGHT BE ANNOUNCED BY THE KING. THIS MAY BE HELD IN

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RESERVE FOR ANNOUNCEMENT DURING THE SPANISH HOLY YEAR OF

COMPOSTELA.

4. COMMENT: THE KING'S MESSAGE FOLLOWED HIS PRACTICE OF NOT GOING INTO PROGRAM DETAILS, BUT RATHER FRAMING HIS PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS IN GENERALITIES THAT SERVE AS A BASE OF ORIENTATION. THERE IS A CHANGE OF VOCABULARY WITH AN ACCENT ON JUSTICE AND THE NEED TO BALANCE SACRIFICES AND AVOID PRIVILEGES FOR THE FEW. THE KING'S MESSAGE WAS WELL RECEIVED AND APPLAUDED GENERALLY IN THE MEDIA. HIS APPEARANCE ON TV IN THE COMPANY OF THE QUEEN AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN HAS BEEN COMMENTED ON FAVORABLY.

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